

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 2

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 700 PUBLIC HEALTH,
SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP CODE
AS IT RELATES TO ALLOWANCES FOR KEEPING AND THE
CARE OF CHICKENS IN THE AC AGRICULTURE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT, THE C/I
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, THE RC RIVER
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, THE RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT, THE R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND THE R-2
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BY ADDING SECTION 700:105
CHICKENS**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. Section 700:105 Chickens is added as follows:

700:105 CHICKENS. The following regulations pertain to the keeping of chickens:

1. The following regulations pertain to the keeping of chickens in all zoning districts. Chickens shall be allowed in the AC - Agriculture Conservation, RR - Rural Residential, R-C River Conservation Districts, and C-I - Commercial Industrial District as a permitted use. An administrative permit shall be required for the keeping of chickens in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Districts.
2. No more than twelve (12) chickens shall be allowed on any lot less than two and one half (2.5) acres. There shall be no limit on lots of two and one half (2.5) acres or more. Chickens shall not be free range on lots less than two and one half (2.5) acres.
3. Roosters are prohibited except in the AC-Agriculture Conservation District.
4. Outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited except in the AC-Agriculture Conservation District.
5. Chickens shall not be housed in a residential dwelling or an attached garage.

6. A separate coop shall be required to house chickens. Coops must be constructed to meet the accessory structure setback requirements, must be at least twenty (20) feet from any habitable building, and construction must be adequate to prevent access by rodents.
7. All premises in which chickens are kept or maintained shall be kept clean from filth and garbage. The coop and its surroundings must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectible on another property.
8. Chicken fighting shall not be allowed.
9. All food shall be stored in an enclosed, rodent proof container.
10. Dead chickens shall be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules, which require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within 48 hours. Legal forms of carcass disposal include offsite burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting.


SECTION 2. The Planning Commission of Princeton Township held a public hearing at their May 1, 2023 and June 5, 2023, meetings, took comments from the public, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Chapter 700 Public Health, Safety and welfare of the Princeton Township Code as it relates to allowances for keeping and the care of chickens in the AC Agriculture Conservation District, the C/I Commercial/Industrial District, the RC River Conservation Districts, the RR Rural Residential District, the R-1 Residential District and the R-2 Residential District by adding Section 700:105 Chickens.

SECTION 3. The Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township held the first reading of this Ordinance at their June 20, 2023, meeting and second reading at their July 18, 2023, meeting.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 18th day of July 2023 by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township.

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP



Eugene Stoeckel, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Terry Pflieger, Town Clerk